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E. O. 12065: GDS 3/4/88 (HINTON, DEANE R.) OR-M  
TAGS: PINS PINT CS NU ES  
SUBJECT: (C) FMLN NEGOTIATING FEELERS

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. AT BREAKFAST MARCH 4 WITH DCM AND MYSELF, FONMIN FIDEL CHAVEZ MENA TOLD US OF TWO RECENT FDR-FMLN NEGOTIATING FEELEERS.

3. THE FIRST OCCURED WHEN SALVADORAN BUSINESSMAN IDENTIFIED BY FIDEL AS ACQUAINTANCE WHOM HE HAD NOT SEEN IN OVER A YEAR, ASKED TO CALL AND PROCEEDED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS FDR-FMLN INTERMEDIARY. ACCORDING TO FEDEL, HE SAID HE HAD MET RECENTLY IN MANAGUA WITH A NUMBER OF FMLN COMMANDANTES--SHAFIK HANDAL, HEAD OF SALVADORAN COMMUNIST PARTY, RUBEN ZAMORA, AND ALBERTO ARENE (RENEGADE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT). HE PRESENTED FIDEL WITH EXHAUSTIVE ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL/MILITARY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BUT BOTTOM LINE WAS THE FDR-FMLN WANTED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, WANTED TO BEGIN EXPLORATORY TALKS IMMEDIATELY WITH PABLO MAURICIO ALVERGUE AND FIDEL CHAVEZ MENA BEFORE ELECTIONS. FIDEL SAYS HE POINTE OUT TO ENVOY THAT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY WOULD NOT RUN RISK OF ENTERING INTO ANY SUCH TALKS BEFORE ELECTIONS AND THAT FURTHERMORE HE WOULD

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WANT TO SEE EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH BY FDR-FMLN PROTAGONISTS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO EASE OFF AND PERMIT ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE PEACEFULLY.

4. SECOND, AT END OF LONG AND SATISFACTORY CONVERSATION IN COSTA RICA WITH MONGE AND VOLVIO, MONGE SAID THAT THEY WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH FDR-FMLN CONVEYING MORE OR LESS SAME MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO FIDEL, HOWEVER, MONGE AND VOLVIO ACCEPTED HIS POINT THAT TALKS WERE NOT POSSIBLE

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ELECTIONS WOULD BE IMPERATIVE AND OFFERED HELP TO ADVANCE  
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